

USDA Office of Rural Development

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Business and Industry Program. Provides loan guarantees to further business and industrial development in areas outside the boundary of a city of 50,000 or more. Priority is given to applicants for projects in open county, rural communities and towns of 25,000 and smaller. The program provides guarantees to commercial lenders who make credit available to establish or maintain business in rural areas. Loan funds may be used to purchase land, buildings, and equipment, and provide working capital. Priorities are to save existing jobs and create new employment opportunities.

Good Work

115 Market Street

Suite 470

Durham, NC 27701

Phone: 919-682-8473

Email: GWInfo@GoodWork.org

Website: www.goodwork.org

Mission: To help people start and expand small businesses.

NCSU (Raleigh) and NC A&T (Greensboro) Cooperative Extension Service

www.ces.ncsu.edu

Check your local phone book for your county extension service office for opportunities in training and education.

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project

Charlie Jackson, Exec. Dir.

859 Nicholson Cove Rd.

Cullowhee NC 28753

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Grants and Farm Information: www.asapconnections.org

info@asapconnections.org

Mission: Assistance with local farm marketing projects

DOT Highway Signage Office

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Office directs the process for Agricultural Highway Tourism Signage, Tourist Oriented Directional Signs and Attraction Logo Signs

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association

919-542-2402

PO Box 448

Pittsboro NC 27312

www.carolinafarmstewards.org

The goal of the Tobacco Communities Reinvestment Fund is to keep farmers in farming and maintain the economic base of North Carolina's rural communities. The Reinvestment Fund aims to assist farmers and rural communities to develop new sources of agricultural income through provision of cost-share grants.